(*b*) if so, the rate at which it was purchased ;

(*c*) the Numbor of tonnes of sugar purchased that is with the Government at present ?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, from the sugar months of December 1967 –January 1968, actual purchase commencing only from 1968.

(*b*) At Rs. 400 per quintal Ex-factory.

(*c*) Nil.

Closure of Departments of M. I. S. L.

205. Sri ABDUAL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of departments closed down in Mysore Iron and Steel Limited, Bhadravathi Since 1962 ;

(*b*) whate happened to the staff working in those dapartments ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) Four.

(*b*) They were transferred to the newsteel plant, alloy and specia steel plant and some of the existing departments against vacancies.

Joint Farming Societies

220. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of loan advanced to the Joint Farming Socities in the State till 31st July 1968 ;

(*b*) the amount due for recovery and the amount recovered so far ;

(*c*) how the loan was utilised in improving the Food position in the state ;

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any security from these societies for the loan advanced and whether the security taken is adequate ;